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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yasuhiko (nmi) Aoki et al.  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING  
OPTICAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN RING NETWORKS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner transmitted January 2, 2008, finally rejecting Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 13-19.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of **\$510.00** to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. to cover the filing fee for this Notice of Appeal.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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